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REPORT

OF

THE SELECTMEN

OF

THE TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR

1851-2

MANCHESTER:
PRINTED AT THE AMERICAN OFFICE.
1852.

Alms House Establishment.

1851.

SAMUEL HAZELTON'S BILL.

April 10,	To 2 bushels barley,	$1 67	$1 67

ASA BATCHELDER'S BILL.

April 26,	To 186 lbs. shoats,	11 16	11 16

SAMUEL ADAMS' BILL.

June 3,	To 600 lbs. plaster,	2 10	
" 9,	" 4 bushels rye,	3 60	
			5 70

SIMPSON & CO.'S BILL.

June 13,	To 1 plough,	6 50	6 50

JOSEPH CHASE'S BILL.

June 16,	To 142 lbs. cob and corn meal,	1 80	1 80

DIVISION 184, STORE BILL.

June 30,	To 4 bags corn,	5 12	
"	" 1 bbl. flour,	4 90	
"	" 20 galls. molasses,	4 60	
"	" 1 bush. salt,	36	
"	" 10 lbs. coffee,	1 00	
"	" 14 lbs. sugar,	1 00	
"	" 2 lbs. tea,	72	
"	" 3 bags salt,	39	
"	" 3¼ lbs. soap,	22	
"	" 2 oz. camphor,	06	
			18 37

HIGLEY & PRESCOTT'S BILL.

July 7,	To carding 20½ lbs. wool,	1 01	1 01

J. A. CHAMBERLIN'S BILL.

Oct. 17,	To 100 lbs. dry fish,	4 00	4 00

WILLIAM HAZELTON'S BILL.

Dec. 12,	To 4 bushels rye,	4 00	4 00

JOHN BRYANT'S BILL.

July 12,	To 6 ten quart pans,	2 00	2 00

CHARLES S. WILCOMB'S BILL.

Aug. 7,	To 6 blue fish,	60	
Oct. 14,	" hooping cider barrels,	58	
			1 18

JOHN S. COUCH'S BILL.

Sept. 5,	To 40 slabs,	40	
Nov. 25,	" 1 set sled shoes,	25	
			65

RICHARD B. MORSE'S BILL.

Jan. 18,	To shoeing ox,	13	
Mar. 15,	" shoeing horse,	33	
31,	" " oxen,	1 00	
April 4,	" sharpening ploughs,	58	
" 10,	" repairing ploughs,	58	

April	17,	To repairing fork,	08	
May	2,	" " "	25	
"	27,	" shoeing horse,	33	
June	23,	" repairing wagon,	37	
Aug.	4,	" shoeing horse and 2 wedges,	48	
"	23,	" " oxen,	90	
Sept.	25,	" sharpening plough,	25	
Oct.	10,	" shoeing horse,	75	
"	27,	" repairing shovel,	25	
1852.				
Jan.	3,	Paid J. M. Kent,	1 80	
				8 08

PERLY C. INGALLS' BILL.

Jan.	6,	To calf's head and pluck,	13	
"	"	" 86 lbs. shoat, at 6 cts. per lb.,	5 16	
			5 29	
		Credit by pasturing sheep,	3 19	
				2 10

JOSIAH MORSE'S BILL.

1851.				
March	31,	To setting and whetting saws,	25	
April	4,	" 1 coffin for Jesse Hill,	2 50	
"	23,	" " " David Norton,	2 50	
				5 25

JOHN S. EMERY'S BILL.

June	23,	To mending shoes,	75	
"	27,	" " "	75	
"	"	" 1 pair thick shoes,	1 70	
				3 20

BENJAMIN WILSON'S BILL.

Sept.	25,	To use of cider mill,	33	33

CHESTER STEAM MILL CO.'S BILL.

April	16,	To sawing 3999 feet boards,	11 00	
		Credit by 1 basket,	66	
				10 34

ESTATE OF STEPHEN CLAY'S BILL.

1852.				
Jan.	17,	To 38½ lbs. salt pork,	4 04	4 04

ROBERT SHIRLEY'S BILL.

1851.				
March	5,	To 16½ lbs. scraps,	50	
May	15,	" 13½ lbs. veal,	54	
"	22,	" 15 "	60	
June	3,	" 15 "	60	
"	24,	" 8¾ "	52	
Aug.	27,	" 2 rennet skins,	25	
				3 01

JOHN N. HAZELTON'S BILL.

June	7,	To 42¾ yds. sheeting,	3 63	
"	"	" 1 broom,	20	
July	4,	" 2 rakes,	34	
"	"	" 1 hay fork,	70	
"	"	" 1 rifle,	05	
"	18,	" 6 oz. paregoric,	24	
"	"	" 3 rifles,	13	
Aug.	4,	" balance on broom,	07	
Sept.	19,	" 1 iron shovel,	50	
				5 86

BELL & LEARNERD'S BILL.

May		To 5 rennets,	55		
July	3,	" 14 lbs. lamb,	1 12		
"	22,	" 13¾ lbs. veal,	69		
"	28,	" 13½ lbs. beef,	85		
Aug.	4,	" 11 "	66		
"	12,	" 10¼ "	56		
"	18,	" 8½ "	47		
Sept.	8,	" 14½ "	80		
"	16,	" 8½ "	44		
"	30,	" 16 "	88		
Oct.	1,	" 46 "	2 07		
Nov.	15,	" 94 "	4 23		
					13 32

EPHRAIM ORCUTT'S BILL.

1852.					
Feb.	28,	To 1 bag of rye meal,	1 55		1 55

EDWIN HAZELTON'S BILL.

1851.					
Sept.	4,	To 40 slabs,	80		80

Dr. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1850.					
June	20,	To medicine for D. Norton,	50		
July	16,	" extracting tooth for N. Lane,	17		
"	28,	" visit and medicine "	50		
1851.					
Feb.	1,	To visit and setting D. Norton's leg,	3 00		
"	2,	" 2 oz. d. D. Norton,	1 00		
"	"	" medicine for J. Joy,	25		
"	3,	" visit and medicine for D. Norton,	50		
"	"	" 1 bed pan,	1 50		
"	4,	" visit and medicine for D. Norton,	50		
"	5,	" " "	50		
"	6,	" " "	50		
"	8,	" " "	50		
"	9,	" " "	50		
"	10,	" " "	50		
"	11,	" " "	50		
"	13,	" " "	50		
"	15,	" " "	50		
"	16,	" " "	50		
"	19,	" " "	50		
"	22,	" " "	50		
March	2,	" " "	50		
"	"	" extracting tooth for N. Lane,	17		
"	5,	" visit and medicine for D. Norton,	50		
"	22,	" " "	50		
"	25,	" " "	50		
July	23,	" medicine for alms house,	75		
Nov.	16,	" " P. Flanders,	37		
1852.					
Jan.	13,	" " Mr. Berry,	37		
					17 08

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1851.					
Feb.	15,	To 5 lbs. tobacco,	1 10		
"	"	" 1 lb. tea,	50		
"	"	" 1 lb. nitre,	12		
"	19,	" 1 bbl. flour,	6 37		
"	"	" 12½ lbs. sugar,	1 00		
"	22,	" ¼ gross matches,	17		
March	10,	" 1 lb. castile soap,	18		

March	19,	[illegible] lb. tea,		50
"	"	" 8 lbs. coffee,	1	00
"	22,	" ½ lb. bees wax,		32
"	"	" 2 lbs. rosin,		06
April	7	" 6 lbs. nails,		24
"	11,	" 1 bottle paregoric,		10
"	14,	" 5 lbs. tobacco,	1	10
May	6	" 1 bush. g. seed,	1	63
"	"	" ½ bush. red top,		50
"	"	" 3 lbs. clover seed,	1	12
"	8,	" 1 bbl. flour,	6	00
"	23	" 1 pair shoes, Sally Whorf,		67
"	"	" 10 yds. print,	1	25
"	28,	" 2 lbs. nails,		08
"	"	" 2 lbs. tobacco,		76
July	2,	" 1 scythe		92
"	13,	" 2½ bushels salt,	1	05
Aug.	2,	" 1 "		44
"	21,	" 1 lb. tea,		50
Sept.	4	" 12½ lbs. sugar,	1	00
"	"	" 4 lbs. nails,		16
"	5,	" 4 "		16
"	19,	" 6 oz. paregoric,		24
"	"	" 2 lbs. tobacco,		56
"	20,	" 1 gall. oil,		25
"	22,	" 1 bag meal,	1	58
Oct.	6,	" 5 lbs. yarn,	1	25
"	"	" 1 bag meal,	1	58
"	10	" 1 bbl. flour,	5	50
"	"	" 1 file,		10
"	16,	" 1 pair shoes,	1	25
"	"	" ½ bush. salt,		21
"	21,	" 2 lbs. tobacco,		50
"	25,	" 12 lights glass,		36
"	"	" ¼ lb. snuff,		08
"	28	" 1 bag meal,	1	58
"	"	" 3 lbs. soap,		24
"	31,	" 1 gall. oil,	1	00
Nov.	11	" 4 lbs. tobacco,	1	12
"	"	" 1 set tens,		25
"	20,	" 4 lbs. nails,		16
"	"	" 1 ball shoe thread,		07
"	22,	" 4 bags meal,	6	24
Dec.	2,	" 2 lbs. spikes,		08
"	"	" 2 lbs. rosin,		06
"	"	" 1 gimblet,		06
"	6,	" 1 bag salt,		20
"	"	" ¼ lb. snuff,		08
"	"	" 8 lbs. coffee,	1	00
"	"	" 2 cakes soap,		16
"	20,	" 8 lbs. tobacco,	2	00
"	24,	" 1 bbl. flour,	5	25
"	"	" 1 pad lock,		25
"	25,	" 1 bush. salt,		44
			62	70
		Credit by cabbages,		72
			61	98

JAMES T. KENDALL'S BILL.

1851					
May	9,	To cash paid for 100 lbs. dry fish	4 00		
		2 lbs tea,	90		
	22,	T. J. Melvin for ball twine	13		
	27,	S. Adams for bushel rye	1 00		
June	9,	R. P. Shirley for bushel rye	1 00		
		A. Green for shad	50		
Oct.	3,	C. Wilson for mackerel	1 12		
	17,	J. Davis for 3 lbs tea	1 20		
		do 10 lbs coffee	1 00		
		do 14 lbs sugar	1 00		
Dec.	25,	D. Messer 1½ pint n. oil	30		
		for 1 beef creature	15 00		
1852					
Jan.	28,	for wash dish	25		
		A. Green for use of cultivator	20		
Feb.	4,	G. W. Dutton for fish	1 84		
		self and wife's services from Apr. 1, 1851 to Apr. 1, '52,	180 00		
				209	44
				194	98
				404	42.

1851		CREDIT.			
April	21,	By cash of Bell & Learnerd 2 calves	7 75		
	25,	Mrs. Cowdry for butter	1 03		
May	1,	J. Lane for h. poles	75		
	10,	J. Ingalls for calf	4 00		
June	28,	B. F. Morse for potatoes	1 80		
		Bell & Learnerd for lambs	10 00		
		Messer for bark	5 79		
Oct.	17,	J. Davis for butter	5 70		
June	25,	H. Hall for potatoes	1 16		
Dec.	13,	J. Shirley Jr for pasturing	4 17		
	25,	D. Messer for hide	2 56		
1852					
Jan.	6,	R. B. Morse for pasturing	5 00		
	9,	Mr. Griffin for labor	69		
	29,	for lumber	26 99		
Feb.	9,	Auburn fr support of paupers	112 19		
	12,	County of Rockingham,	41 79		
	14,	Noah Clark for support of his mother	8 50—	239	87
		Drawn from treasury to bal.		164	55
				404	42

Average number of paupers at the alms house during the year, is 10 3-4—present number, 15. 2 belong to Auburn. The stock on the town farm consists of 1 yoke of oxen, 4 cows, 1 horse, 8 sheep, 1 shoat, 4 tons English hay more than will be consumed before pasturing. Provisions, 40 lbs. butter, 100 lbs. cheese, 55 lbs. lard, 66 lbs. dried apples, 1-4 bl. apple-sauce, 1-2 bl. pickles, 1 bl. clear pork, 1 bl. beef, 100 lbs. ham. 70 bushs. ears of corn, 80 bushs. potatoes, 6 bushs. turnips, 2 bls. cider. 1-2 bl. vinegar, 1 bl. apples, 2 bushs. wh. beans, 1 of col'd beans. 60 lbs fish, 17 bushs. oats, 1 1-2 bush. rye, 1 bush. barley, 1-2 bl. flour, 1000 boards.

The following is a list of the inmates now in the alms-house, and their ages. Jonathan Berry, 78, Stephen Wordheu, 65, Joshua Little, 61, Nelson Hills,

34, Dolly Gross, 63, Betsey M. Little, 71, Abigail Lane, 44. Abigail Bryant, 28, Sally Whorf, 63, Joseph Carr, 86, Ruth Carr, 82, Nancy Clark, 82, John Mills, 66, John Dunlap, 62, Phillip Flanders, 51. Stephen Worthen and Sally Whorf are Auburn paupers, Joshua Little and wife and Phillip Flanders are county paupers. We received of the county $133 25,—$52 was paid to John Moor, of Raymond, for the support of Mary Ann Moor,—$39 49 was received for supplies for the Misses Morse.

Expenses of the Poor off the Town Farm.

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL, for supplies for Joseph Carr.

1851. May 14,	To 15 lbs flour	50	
	2 lbs. sugar	16	
	1 doz. biscuit	17	
	¼ lb. tea	12	
June 28,	1 doz. biscuit	17	
July 2,	30 lbs flour	1 00	
Oct. 28,	48 lbs. flour	1 50	
	3¾ lbs. pork	37	
	2 qts. molasses	13—	4 12

JOHN HAZELTON'S BILL, for supplies for J. Carr.

1850. April 3,	To hauling 4 loads wood fm Sandown,	2 50	
1851. Mar. 29,	½ bush. meal ,50, 4 lbs. pork ,48,	98	
June 2,	10 lbs. flour 35, 4 lbs. pork 48,	83—	4 31

EDWIN HAZELTON'S BILL.

1851. May 18,	To ½ cord wood for J. Carr,	1 25

LEWIS KIMBALL'S BILL.

1851. Apr. 29,	To 5 feet wood for J. Carr,	1 00

DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1851. Apr. 14,	To visit and med. for J. Carr,		50	
17,	do.	do.	50	
May 25,	do.	do.	50	
27,	do.	do.	50	
30,	do.	do.	50	
July 1,	do.	do.	50	3 00

T. J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1851. Oct. 21,	To goods for J. Small's family, by order of the Selectmen,	2 00	

DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1851. Oct. 31,	To attending Mrs. Small, by order of the Selectmen,	12 00	14 00

DAVID DANIELS' BILL.

1851. Aug. 15,	To board and taking care of Sam. R. Daniels, 13 weeks,	15 00	
	Funeral exp. of said Daniels,	8 00	

DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

	For attending S. R. Daniels by order of the Selectmen,	9 00	32 00

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1851. Apr. 7.	To sundry goods furnished the Church family by order of the Selectmen,	11 19	

DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1851. Apr. 2,	To attending Mrs. Church as per bill, by order of Selectmen,	9 50	20 69

JOHN W. WEST'S BILL.

1851. Dec. 22,	To 1 cord of wood for Mrs. Blaisdell,	2 75

NOAH WEEKS BILL.

1851. Dec. 20,	To 4¾ cords wood furnished the Miss Morses by order of the Selectmen at $2 per cord,	9 75

JACOB CHASE'S BILL.

1852. Feb. 10,	To 2 cords hard pine wood for the Miss Morses, by order of the Selectmen.	5 00

FREDERICK UNDERHILL'S BILL.

1851. Oct. 8,	To 1 bushel potatoes for the Miss Morses.	50

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1851. July 17,	To sundry goods for the Miss Morses,	1 00	
26,	½ bushel meal,	40	
	20 lbs of flour,	67	
	½ saleratus,	04	
	½ tea,	25	
	2 suguar,	16	
	8 fish,	32	
	3 bunches matches,	02	
Aug. 8,	2 lbs cheese,	20	
	16 meal,	27	
	8 rye,	17	
	2 qts molasses,	14	
	15 lbs flour,	50	
	1 doz. biscuit,	17	
	1 lb candles,	13	
	½ tea,	25	
	3 sugar,	24	
	5½ fish,	22	
Sept. 11,	1 gallon molasses, 4½ lbs of fish, 3½ lbs cheese,	76	
23,	6½ lbs fish.	25	
	½ tea,	25	
	4 sugar,	32	
	30 flour,	1 00	
Oct. 17,	32 do	1 00	
	½ tea,	37	
	8½ fish,	34	
	2 sugar,	16	
	1 saleratus,	08	
	¼ tobacco,	07	
	2 qts molasses,	14	
29,	32 lbs flour,	1 00	
	5 fish,	23	
	2 sugar,	16	
	¼ tea,	12	
	¼ tobacco,	07	
	3 bunches matches,	02	
Nov. 19,	34 lbs flour,	1 00	
	2 qts of molasses,	13	
	9 lbs fish,	36	
	2¾ butter,	46	
	2 oz spice,	03	

	¼ lb tea,	13	
	1 sugar,	08	
	½ tobacco,	14	
Dec. 18,	1 bushel meal,	80	
	½ rye,	50	
	32 lbs flour,	1 00	
	1 lb. tea	50	
	2 lbs. sugar	16	
	½ lb tobacco	14	
1852. Jan. 20.	16 lbs. meal	25	
	48 lbs. flour	1 50	
	1 lb. tea	50	
	4 lbs. sugar	32	19 49
	DR. J. P. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.		
1851. July 21,	To visit and medicine Edna Morse	75	
24,	do do	75	
27,	do do	75	
29,	do E. & S. Morse	75	
Aug. 16,	do do	75	
Nov. 17,	do do	1 00	4 75
			122 61

Award to Land Holders.

	EBENEZER SANBORN'S BILL.		
1852. Jan. 30,	To land taken for road on petition of Lewis Sanborn and others	20 00	
	SAMUEL HAZELTON'S BILL.		
1852. Jan. 17,	To land taken for road on petition of Samuel Haselton and others	12 00	
	WILLIAM HAZELTON'S BILL,		
	To land taken for road on petition of Samuel Haselton and others	33 00	65 00
	HALES TRUE'S BILL.		
1852. Jan. 17,	To land taken for road on petition of Moses Hunkins and others in '47	3 75	3 75
			68 75

Improvements in Highways and Bridges.

	EBENEZER SANBORN'S BILL.		
1852. Jan. 30.	To building 40 rods of road, laid out on petition of L. Sanborn and others	16 00	
	Labor on highway in 1849 by order of the selectmen	1 35	17 35
	JOHN B. RAND'S BILL.		
1852. Feb. 16,	To building 56 rods of road laid out on petition of S. Haselton and oths.	84 00	
	To building 32 rods	16 00	100 00

HIRAM BASFORD'S BILL, repairing highways in Dist. No. 4.

1851. Aug. 28, To 3 days work		1 80		
3 do	J. Green	1 80		
4 do	A. Wilson	2 40		
44 feet plank for bridge		44		
1 day's work	Theophilus Osgood	60—		7 04

PETER HAZELTON'S BILL, for repairing highway in No. 2.

1851, Dec. 20, To paid S. C. McDuffie ½ day		38		
Amos Ball do		37		
Benjamin Davis, do		38		
Jonathan Shaw 2 days		1 50		
self 1½ day		1 13		3 76

JOHN WASON'S BILL, for building Water Course near my house.

1851, Sept. 17, To myself and oxen part of a day,		67		
18, Paid E. Marden and R.Beal for Lumber		1 33		
myself and L. Sanborn and oxen part day,		1 33		3 33

CYRUS LANE'S BILL.

1851, Nov. 24, To one days work repairing highway, in Dist. No. 13,				75

WM. P. W. WHITTEMORE'S BILL.

1851, Nov. 25, To myself three hands and four oxen, one day repairing the highways in Dist. No 1,				4 50

DANIEL OSGOOD'S BILL.

1851, Sept. 5, To labor on bridge near A. Haselton's,				1 76

THOMAS F. REYNOLD'S BILL.

1851, Sept. 10, To one days work on Causeway,		75		
15, 75 feet bridge plank,		75		
repairing bridge,		25		1 75

RUFUS SANBORN'S BILL.

1851 Dec. 5, To 300 feet bridge plank for dis. No. 9,		3 00		
drawing the same		60		3,60

BENJAMIN WILSON'S BILL.

1851. Sept. 15, To 3¼ days work on the highway between Derry and Auburn line,				2 50

EDWARD HASELTON'S BILL.

1851, Sept. 4, To 184 feet bridge plank,		1 84		

JOHN HASELTON'S BILL.

To 63 feet bridge plank 6 sleepers,		1 51		3 35
				$32 34

Nonresident Taxes Worked Out.

SYLVESTER SANBORN'S BILL.

1852, Jan. 17, To taxes worked out on my list for 1851,				3 81

NOAH WEEKS' BILL.

To taxes worked out on my list for 1851,				54

PETER HASELTON'S BILL for taxes worked

out for 1851,		1 92		
Wm. P. W. Whittemore's		76		
Manly Lane's List, 1850,		4 08		
John Morse's List, 1851,		10 64		
				21 75

Soldier's Bounty.

1851, Nov. 1st,	To paid Chester Light Infantry,	23 00	
	paid Daniel Porter,	1 00	24 00

Post Guides.

GEO. J. CHASE'S BILL.

1851, May 16,	To one Post Guide,	75

State and County Taxes.

1851,	Paid Edson Hill State Tax,	211 80	
	James H. Butler, County Tax,	392 11	603 91

Stationery.

WM. H. FISK'S BILL.

1851, March 20,	To one record book,	2 50	
	invoice,	30	
	doz. pens,	8	

EPHRAIM ORCUTT'S BILL.

1851, April 10,	To cash paid for paper, &c.,	47	
1852, Feb. 2,	paper and pens,	26	3 61

Hall for Town Meetings.

ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.

1852, Jan. 17	To use of Hall for Town Meeting the past year,	15 00

Postage.

ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.

1852, Jan. 17,	To postage to date,	90	

EPHRAIM ORCUTT'S BILL.

	To cash paid for postage,	24	1 14

Town Agent's Services and Expenses.

HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.

1851, Sept. 15,	To Services and Expenses attending Court in the Candia Case	6,00	
1852, Jan 28,	" 1 day taking Affidavits in Pauper cases	1,00	

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1852, Jan. 31,	To Making 2 Deeds.	,67	7,67

Town and School Reports.

J. O. ADAMS' BILL.

1851, Mar. 14,	To Printing Town and School Reports	18,00	

HENRY F. CHASE'S BILL.

1851, Mar.	To Time and Expenses at Manchester to get Reports Printed	6,17	24,17

Town Clerk's Services.

SILAS F. LEARNERD'S BILL.

1851, Dec. 1,	To Copying Taxes 1851,	5,00	
	" Recording Deaths and Marriages and Returning the same,	5,40	10,40

TOWN CLERK OF HOPKINTON,S BILL.

1851, Mar.	4, To Examining Records of Hopkinton,	1,00	1,00
			11,40

Debts Paid.

1851, Mar. 28,	Amos Stearns Note and Interest,	120,28	
	Out Standing Orders,	347,84	468,13

Damage By Defect in Highway.

JOHN W. TAYLOR'S BILL.

	To Damage to my Horse on account of Defect in Highway in 1850,	20,00	

OSGOOD TRUE'S BILL.

1851, Dec. 20,	To Damage to my Horse and Waggon on account of Defect in Bridge near John Wilson's House,	4,00	24,00

Hearse and Grave Tools.

EZRA WHITES BILL.

1852, Jan. 17,	To Taking Care of Hearse and Tools, the past year,	1,50	

THOMAS J. MELVIN'S BILL.

1851, Jan. 17,	To 1 Shovel for Hearse House,	,84	2,34

Enrolling Militia.

JOHN P. WHIDDEN'S BILL.

1852, Jan. 1,	To Enrolling and Returning 1st Co. of Infantry in Chester,	1,50	1,50

Fire Hooks and Ladders.

JAMES M. KENT'S BILL.

1851, March,	10, To 13 lbs. Bolts and Hooks,	1,56	
	" Fitting Bolts and Hook,	,25	
June	21, 1 Pair Hinges and Nails,	,56	2,37

Collector's Services.

JOHN MORSE'S BILL.

1852, Feb.	To Collecting $2063,39 at 2 per cent,	41,26	41,26

Remittance of Taxes.

JOHN MORSE'S BILL.

1850,	Leland Angell,	2,06	
	Wm. Bremner,	6,78	
	Phillip Flanders,	1,72	
	Joseph W Morse, Deceased,	,52	
	John Underhill.	1,72	
	John S. Simonds Plew,	,25	
	Moses H. Green,	1,72	
	Heirs of Meribah Wadwell,	2,69	
	Isaac Randell,	1,72	
	John Warren in part,	1,73	
	Heirs of Josiah Basford, wrong taxed,	7,78	
	Josiah Worthen,	1,72	
	Town Farm,	1,82	32,23
1851,	Rufus Forsaith, unable to pay,	1,71	
	George W. Barker, out of the State,	1,71	
	John Varnum, over 70,	1,71	
	Wm. Burns, " 70,	1,71	

	Moses H. Green, out of Town,	1,71	
	Edward S. Hills, Deceased,	1,71	
	Wm. Noyes, out of the State,	1,71	
	Christopher Boys,	1,71	
	Josiah Small, Poor,	1,96	
	David Daniels, in part,	185	
	Heirs of John Hoit, wrong taxed,	4,44	
	Town Farm,	1,52	
	ROBERT SHIRLEY'S BILL.		
1852, Jan. 17,	To Tax on Horse lost in 1850,	,40	23,85
			56,08

School Money.

1851,	Paid, District No. 1,	123,15	
	" " " 2,	55,62	
	" " " 3,	77,28	
	" " " 4,	32,73	
	" " " 5,	23,75	
	" " " 6,	35,00	
	" " " 7,	41,60	
	" " " 8,	48,25	
	" " " 9,	19,72	
	" " " 10,	18,65	
	" " " 11,	25,75	501,40

Selectmen's Expenses.

1851.		ABEL G. QUIGG'S BILL.		
Dec.	6,	To 2 dinners for selectmen,	50	
	20,	4 do do do and collector,	1 00	
1852.				
Jan.	17,	4 do do do do do	1 00	
		1 horse baiting,	25	
				2 75
1851.		EPHRAIM ORCUTT'S BILL.		
April	1,	To 3 dinners for selectmen,	75	
	8,	expenses paid while taking invoice,	67	
24, 25, & 26,		9 meals for selectmen,	1 50	
May	29,	horse and wagon to Hopkinton,	3 00	
		cash paid expenses at do	1 75	
June	18,	horse and wagon to Goffstown,	1 50	
		expenses at do	50	
1852.				
Jan.	21,	horse and sleigh to Plaistow,	1 00	
Feb.	2,	cash paid for glass for the warrant box and setting the same,	38	
		paid J. Manerd fixing place for ladders,	18	
	7,	cash paid town clerk of Plaistow for examining records in Flanders' case,	1 00	
	12,	horse and sleigh to Exeter,	1 50	
		expenses at Exeter,	1 50	
		cash paid for recording three deeds,	1 00	
	17,	4 dinners selectmen and collector,	1 00	
	19,	3 do do	75	
				17 48

1851.		AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.		
April	2 & 5,	To expense while taking invoice,	45	
June	26,	horse and wagon L. Derry,	76	
			—	1 21
		W. P. UNDERHILL'S BILL.		
April	5,	To expenses while taking invoice,	50	
Aug.	23,	" to Barrington,	2 00	
			——	2 50

Selectmen's Services.

1851.		EPHRAIM ORCUTT'S BILL.		
March	19,	To 1 day at alms house,	1 00	
	28,	do preparing invoice book,	1 00	
April				
	1, 4, 7 & 8,	4 days taking invoice,	4 00	
	15, 16, 17, 18,	3 1-2 days copying invoice, footing, &c	3 50	
	21,	1-2 day at alms house,	50	
	24, 25, & 26,	3 days making highway tax,	3 00	
May	1,	1 do examining records on pauper case,	1 00	
	6, 7, 8 & 10,	four days making taxes, collector's book &c,	4 00	
	19,	1-2 day examining Lovering's bridge,	50	
	29,	2 days at Hopkinton on pauper case, Fidelia Poor,	2 00	
June	7,	1-2 day writing letters, making bills, &c,	50	
	13,	1-2 day examining records on pauper case,	50	
	14,	1-2 day on road pet. L. Sanborn and others,	50	
	17,	1-2 day at alms house,	50	
	18,	1-2 day at Goffstown on Church case,	1 00	
	21,	1-2 day on road pet. S. Hazleton and others,	50	
	28,	1-2 day settling with selectmen of Goffstown and Haverhill,	50	
July	13,	1-2 day at Mr. Daniels',	50	
	16,	1-2 day at Noah Clark's,	50	
Aug.	1,	1-2 day at the Misses Morse's,	50	
	30,	1-2 day laying out road of pet. Lewis Sanborn and others,	50	
Sept.	6,	1-2 day at alms house,	50	
	8,	1-2 day on road pet. Sam'l Hazelton,	50	
	23,	1 day laying out road on pet. Samuel Hazelton and making return of road,	1 00	
Oct.	2,	1-2 day at Manly Lane's,	50	
	16,	writing warrants for town meeting, and going to walnut hill,	1 00	
Nov.	3,	1-2 day at Manly Lane's,	50	
	4,	1 day preparing collector's book,	1 00	
	14,	1 day at J. Carr's and alms house,	1 00	
	28,	1-2 day at the Misses Norris,	50	
Dec.	6,	1 day at Quigg's, settling town accounts,	1 00	
	20,	do do do do do do	1 00	
	27,	1-2 day to revise jury box,	50	
1852.				
Jan.	8,	1-2 day at alms house,	50	
	17,	1 day at Quigg's, settling town accounts,	1 00	
	21,	1 day at Plaistow on Flander's case,	1 00	
	27,	1 day inquest of Banfield's child,	1 00	
	28,	taking affidavits in pauper cases,	1 00	
Feb.	4,	1 day at alms house,	1 00	
	12,	2 days at Exeter to get county money,	2 00	

14,16,18,19,		4 days preparing accounts for press,	4 00	
17,		1 day settling with collector,	1 00	
20,		1 day making up treasurer's account,	1 00	
21,		1 day with auditors and expenses,	1 25	
		1-2 day correcting check list,	50	
			——	51 75

1851. AMOS HAZELTON'S BILL.

March	19,	To 1 day at alms house, hiring keeper, &c.,	1 00	
April 1 &	2,	2 days taking invoice,	2 00	
4 &	5,	2 do do do	2 00	
25 &	26,	2 days making taxes,	2 00	
May	7,	1-2 day preparing collector's list,	50	
	19,	1-2 day at M. J. Lovering's	50	
June	14,	1-2 day on road pet. L. Sanborn and others,	50	
	26,	1 day at L. Derry on pauper case,	1 00	
Sept.	4,	1-2 day on road pet. L. Sanborn and others,	50	
Dec.	20,	1 day at Quigg's, settling town accounts,	1 00	
	27,	1-2 day revise jury box,	50	
1852.				
Jan.	17,	1 day at Quigg's, settling town accounts,	1 00	
Feb.	4,	1 day at alms house,	1 00	
	17,	1 day at Orcutt's settling with collector,	1 00	
	19,	1 day at Orcutt's making check list and warrants,	1 00	
	21,	1 day with auditors and expenses,	1 25	
		1-2 day correcting check list,	50	
			——	17 25

1851. WILLIAM P. UNDERHILL'S BILL.

April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,		To 5 days taking invoice,	5 00	
16 &	17,	2 days making highway lists,	2 00	
	26,	1 day making taxes,	1 00	
May	6, 17,	1 1-2 days making taxes,	1 50	
	19,	1-2 day at M. J. Lovering's,	50	
June	14,	1-2 day on road on pet. L. Sanborn,	50	
	21,	do do do do S. Hazelton,	50	
Aug.	9,	1-2 day on road near J. Pingrees,	50	
Sept.	5,	1-2 day laying out road on pet. Lewis Sanborn and others,	50	
	8,	1-2 day on road pet. S. Hazelton and others,	50	
Oct.	2,	1-2 day at Manly Lane's,	50	
	31,	1-2 day at walnut hill,	50	
Dec. 6 &	20,	2 days settling town accounts,	2 00	
	27,	1-2 day revising jury box,	50	
1852.				
Jan.	17,	1 day settling town accounts,	1 00	
Feb.	4,	1-2 day at alms house,	50	
17, 19, &	20,	2 1-2 days settling town accounts,	2 50	
	21,	1 day with auditors,	1 25	
		1-2 day correcting the check list,	50	
1851.				
March	19,	1 day at alms house,	1 00	
			——	22 75

Selectmen's Services 1850.

1851. THOMAS F. REYNOLD'S BILL.

March	5,	To 1-2 day at alms house,	50	
	6,	do do do	50	
			—	1 00
				92 75

DR. TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACC'T WITH E. ORCUTT, TREASURER. CR.

1852.			1852.		
Feb. 20.			Mar. 12,	By cash rec'd of John White, treas. for '50,	$80 04
To paid net expenses of alms house,	$164 55		June 28,	By cash rec'd of state treas. lit. fund,	45 88
" expenses of town farm,	122 61			By cash rec'd of Goffstown and Haverhill, for supplies for the Church family,	35 38
" award to land holders,	68 75		Aug. 28,	By cash rec'd of Barrington for support of S. R. Daniels,	32 00
" improvement on highways and bridges,	149 69		1852.		
" non-resident taxes worked out,	21 75		Jan. 14,	By cash rec'd of Northwood for supplies for J. Small's family,	14 00
" bounty to soldiers,	24 00		12,	By cash rec'd of county for the support of the Misses Morse's,	39 49
" enrolling militia,	1 50			By cash rec'd of the state treasurer for soldier's bounty,	24 00
" post guides,	75			By cash rec'd of state treasurer for railroad tax,	63 53
" state and county taxes,	603 91			Tax list for 1851,	2143 34
" stationery,	3 61			Amount in the hands of collector for 1850, as reported last year,	1083 98
" hall for town meetings,	15 00			Received of Wm. Hazelton on his note,	22 11
" postage,	1 14				
" town agent services and expenses,	7 67				
" town and school reports,	24 17				
" debts paid,	468 13				
" town clerk's services,	11 40				
" damage by defect in highway,	24 00				
" hearse and grave tools,	2 34				
" fire hooks and ladders,	2 37				
" collector's services,	41 26				
" remittance of taxes,	56 08				
" school money,	501 40				
" selectmen's expenses,	24 44				
" selectmen's services,	92 75				
" auditor's services and expenses,	3 75				
		$2437 02			
Am't in collector's hands,	1032 00				
" " treasury,	114 74				
		1146 74			
		$3583 76			$3583 75

THE TOWN OF CHESTER OWES THE FOLLOWING SUMS.

Interest cast up to March 1st, 1852.

1 Note to Joanna Crawford, dated May 27, 1850,	$1107 41
1 Note to ditto. dated Sept. 2, 1850,	748 20
1 Note to John Currier, dated Oct. 23, 1848,	1331 46
1 Note to Walter Basford, dated June 5, 1849,	105 61
Due school district No. 4, for school house tax,	158 20
	$3450 88

THE FOLLOWING SUMS DUE THE TOWN.

2 Notes against John Hazelton, on which is due,	$341 64
1 Note against Wm. Hazelton, Robert Shirley, and Sam'l Hazelton,	113 58
There is, in the hands of Henry F. French, which was received of Candia,*	90 00
Balance due from A. S. Dearborn,	404 19
In hands of the treasurer and collector,	1146 74
The town owes more than is due the town,	1354 73
	$3450 88

Chester, Feb. 21, 1852.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

HENRY F. CHASE,
THOMAS SMITH,
THOMAS J. MELVIN,
} Auditors.

*The case which was pending in court last year, Chester *vs.* Candia, has been settled in the following manner: Candia pays into court $90 and costs, which Chester must take or go to trial, and risk the getting the balance sued for, which was $25 18. It was thought best to take the sum offered.

Superintending School Committee's Report.

It becomes once more the duty of your Committee to presen their annual report to the town. We do it at this time with more than usual pleasure, because we believe that the schools of the past year have been distinguished by more than usual excellence. In only one instance, has the harmony of any school been interrupted by difficulties which called for the interference of the Committee. In District No. 6, the teacher of the summer school entered complaints against one of her pupils, and the parents of the pupil against the teacher. Two members of your Committee devoted half a day to the examination of this case, and, after a patient hearing of both sides, came to the conclusion that strict justice and the best interests of the school demanded that the scholar complained of should be excluded. We are happy to know that the district, with hardly an exception, acquiesced in this decision as a righteous one, and that it put an end to all trouble. It is an unpleasant duty to cut off a member of a school from its privileges, and one from which any Committee would naturally shrink, unless they felt it to be imperatively demanded. Parents cannot be too deeply impressed with the importance of aiding teachers in the maintainance of the discipline of their schools. There must be good order, or there cannot be a good school. Children should not be encouraged to make complaints against their instructors. If complaints are made, it should always be taken for granted that the teacher is right unless it is proved to be otherwise.— And even then, neither the children nor the neighbors should be informed of it. If the affair is of sufficient importance, let it be kindly and courteously represented to the teacher, and usually the grievance will be rectified. It is the interest and the desire of every instructor to obtain the approbation of the district in which he teaches. It is very seldom that an instructor will be guilty of injustice and undue severity. The tendency, undoubtedly, is to undue laxity of discipline. In the days of our boyhood, when the precept, " Children, obey your parents," was not so often read as it seems to be at the present day, " Parents, obey your children," it was the rule in many families, if their sons or daughters received punishment at school, that the punish-

ment should be repeated at home. And we well remember how earnestly one who had been corrected would entreat his brothers and sisters to be entirely silent in regard to it. The repetition of the discipline was especially dreaded; for it was invariably found that the father struck a great deal harder than the school master. This was a rigorous rule, and we do not advocate its general re-adoption; but we think it far better than the practice that some have of condoling with their children, whenever they receive punishment at school, and encouraging them to dislike the teacher who has administered the correction. In this enlightened age, there may be much new wisdom not known to our fathers, but we are sure that what passes for wisdom is, in some cases, the sheerest folly. Thus should we characterize the idea, often broached, that soft words will in all instances suffice for the proper training of families and schools. There must be laws in the family and in the school, as well as in the state. But laws, without penalties for their violation, are nullities. They will be, and they deserve to be, laughed at.—Children, if bent upon doing wrong, must be made to feel that "the way of transgressors is hard." It may be said that kindness is better than blows. And so it is. We plead for nothing inconsistent with kindness. Let moral suasion go as far as it can; but if it proves to be insufficient to secure right conduct, let it be remembered that even kindness demands that something more effectual should be applied. The inspiration of the Old Testament and the wisdom of Solomon are not yet quite obsolete, and even in our days it may be true that "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

The summer school in District No. 1 continued twelve weeks. Much to the regret of the absent, only one member of the Committee was able to be present at the closing examination. He spoke in high terms of the discipline of the school and the proficiency of the scholars. The only stricture he was understood to make was, that it were better if possible to secure all this excellence with less apparent sternness. Those who are fond of quoting latin, sometimes tell us we must act "fortiter in re et suaviter in modo," meaning that we must do things effectively yet with gentleness. This teacher seemed to have an abundance of *efficiency*, but not quite enough *suavity*. If there must, however, be a deficiency of one of these qualities that of the latter is immeasurably to be preferred. From our knowledge of the progress of some of her pupils, we are satisfied that this teacher deserves great commendation; and the large and successful private school, which she taught after the close of the public school, is proof of her general acceptableness to the district. This district was also fortunate in the teacher secured for the winter school. His distingnishing excellence was seen in the admirable discipline which he maintained.—In this respect we believe that he is seldom surpassed. We

were glad to see that the walls and ceiling of the school house in this district were whitewashed, and the floor and benches cleansed. If this example were only universally followed, the interior of several of our school buildings would have less of the aspect of a smoke-house for curing meat. In the summer school of District No. 2, (Webster District,) the teacher exhibited a very pleasing union of efficiency and gentleness. Her scholars were evidently well managed in a very quiet manner. This teacher, we believe, taught for the first time and made an uncommonly successful commencement. Your Committee were not present at the final examination of the winter school in this district, as no notice was given us by the Prudential Committee. The Committee in District No. 6 was equally remiss and we can therefore make no report of that school.— If all the Prudential Committees should neglect as these did to inform the Superintending Committee in regard to the commencement and close of the school, and no one else performed the duty for them, we should necessarily forfeit our portion of of the Literary Fund, as, in that case, it would be impossible to make out the report which the law demands should be sent annually to the Secretary of State.

The teacher of the summer school in District No. 3 did well. The order was better than that of some previous schools, and, although not perfect, yet as good, perhaps, as could be expected where the scholars were so numerous, so small, and so accustomed to be a little lawless. The gentleman who taught the winter school manifested a good degree of energy. The order of the school was respectable, and the progress of the scholars would doubtless have been marked had not the term of study been so short. This teacher neglected, we presume through mistake, to fill out the register of his report. Until it was done, according to law, he was not entitled to receive pay for his services. If teachers were aware how much annoyance and trouble any neglect on their part to make the complete report required by law occasions the Superintending Committee, they would, we think, be more careful in relation to it than they sometimes are.

The only school in District No. 4, (Green District,) was held in the summer. It appeared very well at its close.

In District No. 5, (Walnut Hill,) the only school was held in the winter. We were particularly pleased with the appearance of this school at its final examination. The scholars were not torpid as we sometimes find them but fully active. They gave satisfactory evidence that they had been at work. The teacher remarked that it was a very hard scool to teach. We do not doubt that she worked hard and that this was the chief reason the school did so well. It might be pleasant to us were it otherwise, but the truth is, that in every department of effort, strenuous, persevering labor is the unalterable condition of high excellence. At the examination of this school, not only

original compositions were read, but also selected addres. were spoken. Some of the declamations were remarkab good for those who had had so little practice and instruction.— The ability to speak well in a country like ours will always be highly appreciated and may be made the instrument of great good. It is a kind of ability therefore which should be carefully and generally cultivated. Exercises in speaking, even in our common schools, we believe will be very useful if they are not suffered to interfere with the time appropriated to the more usual studies, nor permitted to diminish the interest that is felt in them.

For reasons already stated we can give no report of the schools in District No. 6.

In District No. 7, (Hall's Village,) there was only a summer school. We were much gratified at the proofs which were given us, at its close, that the scholars had been profitably employed; and we can very chearfully give our commendation to the teacher for the manner in which she discharged her duties.

In District No. 8, (Knowles District,) also there was only a summer school. It appeared well when we examined it.— Perhaps a little more energy would have been desirable. Exercises in English composition were read by some of the larger scholars. We think that such exercises, if they do not trench upon the time set apart for the ordinary studies, must be highly beneficial. They will cultivate habits of closer thinking, impart a facility in expressing thought in words, increase the skill in penmanship and the knowledge of grammar, and awaken a deeper interest in general study.

In District No. 9, (Sanborn District,) there was only a winter school. This district is very small, and the scholars, enjoying less advantages than most others, are rather unusually backward. Some of them, however, made decided progress this winter, and the teacher appeared to have performed her duties well.

The only school in District No. 10, (Lane District,) was taught in the summer. There seemed to us a lack of energy and active interest among the scholars. We do not think they took hold of study as a work which they loved and which they were determined to perform in the best possible manner. We attribute this in a great degree to the small number of scholars. Thirty, we have no doubt, is a more favorable number for an energetic, prosperous school than a dozen.

In District No. 11, (North West part of the town,) there was only a winter school. It was taught by one who had already taught there with much acceptance, with her usual success.

To this account of the several schools taught the past year we add the following statistics :—

Whole number of scholars attending school,	336
Number of scholars attending school in winter,	217
" " " " in summer,	250

Average attendance in winter,	171
" " in summer,	198
Number of scholars under 16,	312
" " over 16,	24
Aggregate length of winter schools in weeks,	123
" " " summer " " "	102
Number of male teachers,	2
" " female "	12
Average wages of male teachers per month,	$22.50
" " " female " " "	7.00
Aggregate length of private schools in weeks,	52
Whole number of scholars,	92
Amount paid in tuition,	$112.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LAUREN ARMSBY, } Superintending
THOMAS J. MELVIN, } School Committee.